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**PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
PROJECT TO HELP IMPROVE HEALTH OF CHESAPEAKE BAY**

SILVER SPRING - Officials at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announced today that a major maintenance project on an existing storm water management pond in Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park in Silver Spring, designed to improve environmental runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, will begin the week of October 3 and last eight to 12 weeks.

Located upstream of University Boulevard behind the Kemp Mill Shopping Center, the pond provides water quality and flood control benefits to the downstream sections of Sligo Creek.

Over time, the pond collects material generated from upstream erosion and ensures those materials do not end up in the Chesapeake Bay. The project will remove the collected sediments and modify the control systems to improve efficiency.

To protect trails around the surrounding area and maintain pedestrian access during construction, the contractor will install wood mulch paths and safety fencing along the existing hiker/biker trail between University Boulevard and the pond. Materials generated from the project will be used for leveling an open space within Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park to improve drainage and usability.

“Nearby residents and trail users will notice earth-moving equipment working within the pond and moving along the trail at various times over the next couple of months,” said project manager Andy Frank.

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M-NCPPC's award-winning 32,600-acre park system in Montgomery County includes 395 parks, 274 playgrounds, 305 tennis courts, 360 athletic fields, more than 200 miles of trails, four golf courses, two ice rinks, 133 picnic areas, nature and equestrian centers, lakes and marinas, recreation buildings and more.

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